House Resolution No. 3069

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis, residents of Niangua, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, John and Bonnie Mathis commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 11, 2003; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, John and Bonnie Mathis undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that John Mathis and Bonnie Pitchford joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony officiated by the Elder Tom Scoggins on May 11, 1953, in Springfield; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, John and Bonnie Mathis have had the pleasure of watching the family grow to include two sons and one daughter-in-law, Randall and June Mathis of Marshfield and Kevin Mathis of Niangua; and four grandchildren; and

Whereas, John and Bonnie Mathis have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to John and Bonnie Mathis upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and further wish them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis.

| Offered by |
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| Representative Michael L. Cunningham |
| District No. 145 |
| I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3069, adopted May 20, 2003. |
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| Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker |